

Q1. Are you able to tell me if the expectation is to have one FTE or more than one FTE for this effort?

A1. The expectation is to have one FTE.

Q2. Is it possible to have two FTEs, one at DLI and one at NPS?

A2. The expectation is to have one FTE at NPS.

Q3. The RFP mentions a government employee currently doing this work. Would the contractor be working in conjunction with the current NPS contractor doing the same work or has that contract ended?

A3. The current contract will have ended upon the beginning of the period of performance of this contract, with the exception of any transition time which should not exceed 30 days.

Q4. In the document FAR_Part_39_Justification_IT_Services under the Education Requirements it states the proposed candidate must have a technical degree of at least a Bachelor's level or higher. Will relevant experience in the field be a sufficient replacement for the Bachelor's degree?

A4. No. A Bachelor's degree in a technical field is required for any candidate proposed for this contract.

Q5. What is the current dollar value of this contract?

A5. This is a new requirement.

Q6. Do you require the candidate to have Security + clearance at time of proposal evaluation or is it acceptable to have it by the start of the contract date?

A6. This question is confusing, as Security+ is not a clearance. However, it is expected that the candidate have a current security investigation and must be eligible for access to Secret information. The candidate is expected to have Security+ certification at the start of the contract.

Q7. How many FTE's do you want to perform the services described?

A7. One FTE.

Q8. Can the contractor use key employee past experience in order to satisfy the past performance requirements?

A8. Yes.

Q9. Since all of the work will be done onsite at your facility(s), is having an active Secret or above Facility Clearance an absolute requirement?

A9. Yes, if it is a classified contract then the contractor must have a facility clearance at a minimum at the level of the required work.

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Q10. If it's absolutely required, is there a possibility to have you sponsor the facility clearance needed for this requirement?

A10. Yes, the command will need to sponsor the facility clearance, if the contractor does not already have one.

Q11. With respect to Facility Clearance, is that referencing that the contractor must have secret level clearance or above to enter the School, or does it pertain to the contractor's own facilities having secret clearance or above?

The contract Security Classification Specification document clearly states that the *"retention of classified material at the contractor owned and operated facilities is not required and is not allowed."*

A11. The prime contractor must have a facility clearance and at least one cleared individual working on the contract even though they may not retain classified material at their facility.